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SHELLFISH OFF US COAST

REF: R 182001Z APR 74, STATE 081358

PASS: NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, WASHDC

1. CATCH DATA SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN INPFC STATISTICAL AND ANNUAL REPORT. REGFISHATT NOT IN POSITION TO REVIEW WITH ANY GREATER DEGREE OF ACCURACY. SPECIES AND CATCH QUANTITIES LISTED IN REFTTEL AS BEING CAUGHT WITHIN 200 MILES. NORTHWEST FISHERIES CENTER PERSONNEL (PRETER AND FREDIN) SHOULD BE CONSULTED SINCE THEY ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH DATA.

2. JAPANESE SALMON CATCH IN 1972 TOTAL 119,601 METRIC TONS VALUED AT 45,072 MILLION YEN. OF TOTAL CATCH, MOTHERSHIP FISHERY LANDED 35,205 TONS, DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY 54,656 TONS, LONGLINE FISHERY (JAPAN SEA AND PACIFIC OCEAN) 2,749 TONS, REMAINDER TAKEN BY TRAP AND OTHER FISHERIES. SPECIES BREAKDOWN NOT AVAILABLE.

3. IN COMPUTING JAPANESE SALMON CATCH WITHIN 200 MILES OFF U.S. COAST, ONLY DATA FOR MOTHERSHIP AND DRIFT GILLNET FISHERIES SHOULD BE USED. DATA FOR LONGLINE FISHERY CAN BE IGNORED SINCE FISHERY TAKES PLACE IN JAPAN SEA AND IN WATERS
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TERRITORY. BESIDES CATCHES SMALL IN RELATION TO MOTERSHIP
AND GILLNET FISHERIES AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT ESTIMATE.

4. ON BASIS ABOVE, POST HAS COMPUTED TOTAL CATCHES FOR
10-YEAR PERIOD 1963-1972 AS FOLLOWS:

MOTHERSHIP FISHERY	404,437 TONS
DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY	527,059 TONS

ABOVE DATA OBTAINED FROM ANNUAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS FOR
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE 1972.

5. AVERAGE LANDING PRICES AT PORT (UEN PER KILOGRAM) AND
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES AT SIX BIG FISH MARKETS OF FROZEN
GROUNDFISH IN 1972 AS FOLLOWS:

GROUNDFISH LANDING PRICES WHOLESALE PRICES

FLATFISH	116	152
HERRING	72	137
POLLOCK	32	NOT AVAILABLE
ROCKFISH	233	155

ABOVE DATA OBTAINED FROM ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION STATISTICS FOR
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